

# CAL GRANT 101



*Presented by:  
California Student Aid  
Commission*



# IN TODAY'S WEBINAR...

- Phones will be muted to eliminate background noise
- All questions can be typed in the Q&A panel to the right, staff is available to answer your questions
- As you exit today's webinar, you'll be prompted to complete a brief survey, your response is greatly appreciated

# AGENDA

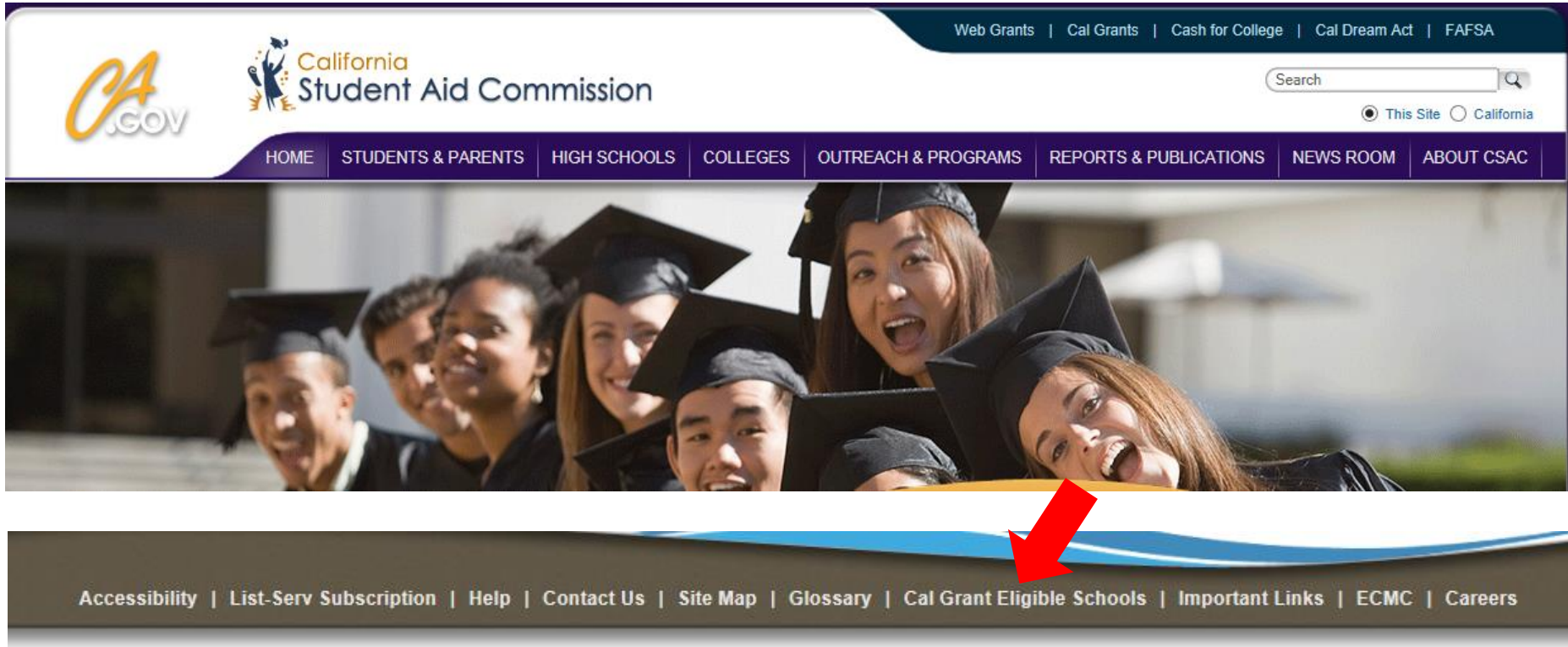
- Cal Grant Basics and Application Process
- Cal Grant Eligibility Requirements
- The Cal Grant Programs
- WebGrants for Students (WGS)
- Resources

# **CAL GRANT BASICS AND APPLICATION PROCESS**

# CAL GRANT BASICS

- Cal Grant is a State Grant
- For use in undergraduate studies, vocational programs, teacher credential programs
- For use at Cal Grant Eligible Institutions only
- School of attendance and grant type determine amount of award

# CAL GRANT BASICS



[www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov)

# CAL GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS

## FAFSA/Dream App

- Submit online or paper form
- Student must list an Eligible Cal Grant school\* on their financial application
- Must complete the FAFSA or Dream App for year they are applying

\*Eligible Schools List is accessed at the bottom of the CSAC Website

The image shows two overlapping application forms. The top form is the 'California Dream Act Application for AB 540 Eligible Students' for the 2014-2015 school year, dated July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. It includes the California Student Aid Commission logo. The bottom form is the 'FAFSA' (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) for the 2014-2015 school year, dated July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. It includes the Department of Education logo. Both forms contain various sections for personal information, financial data, and school selection.

# CAL GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS

<h2 style="margin: 0;">Cal Grant GPA Verification Form</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">For 2015-16 Academic Year</p> <p style="margin: 0;"><b>TO BE FILLED OUT BY STUDENT</b></p> <p style="margin: 0;">Please print clearly using blue or black ink only.</p>	<h2 style="margin: 0;">DEADLINE: MARCH 2, 2015 (POSTMARKED)</h2>
<p><b>DO NOT SEND ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS</b> (SEE BACK OF FORM FOR INSTRUCTIONS)</p>	
<p><b>CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION</b></p>	
<p>1. Your Social Security number or Dream Act ID number:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px; margin: 5px 0;"></div> <p>Be sure your Social Security or Dream Act ID number:</p>	<p>2. Month/year of high school graduation:</p> <div style="display: inline-block; border: 1px solid black; width: 30px; height: 20px; margin: 5px 5px;"></div> <div style="display: inline-block; border: 1px solid black; width: 30px; height: 20px; margin: 5px 5px;"></div> <p>(If currently a US writer, anticipated date)</p>
<p>3. Your name — last, first, middle initial, as it is listed on your Social Security card and FAFSA:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px; margin: 5px 0;"></div>	
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<p>8. Fill in bubble if you are submitting a SAT, ACT or GED test score instead of a GPA. <input type="radio"/></p> <p><i>Attach your applicable test score to this form; transcripts will not be accepted. You do not have to have your school district the FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY section</i></p>	
<p>9. <b>STUDENT CERTIFICATION:</b> I have read the instructions and information accompanying this form. I understand that this Cal Grant GPA Verification form is used to determine Cal Grant eligibility and the GPA must be calculated as described on the attached GPA Calculation Instruction sheet. The information I have completed is true to the best of my knowledge, and I understand that it is illegal to report false or misleading information. I understand that without a valid Social Security number and signature, this form will not be considered. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.</p>	
<p>▶ Student Signature _____</p>	<p>Date _____</p>
<p><b>FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY</b> (High schools <b>MUST</b> be fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) or an equivalent regional accreditation agency to certify a Cal Grant high school GPA.)</p> <p>STATEWIDE STUDENT ID (SSID): <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div></p> <p>GPA IS BASED ON HIGH SCHOOL COURSEWORK? <input type="radio"/></p> <p>CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE RE-ESTABLISHED GPA? <input type="radio"/></p> <p>The signature of the high school or college official certifies, under penalty of perjury, that the GPA is calculated as described on the attached GPA Calculation Instruction sheet. The signature of a high school official also certifies that his or her high school is fully accredited by the WASC or other regional accrediting agency, or has a UC-approved course list as required by California regulations. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.</p>	
<p>▶ Signature of School Official _____</p>	
<p>Name of School _____</p>	
<p>Title of School Official _____</p>	
<p>Street Address of School _____</p>	
<p>Date _____</p>	<p>State _____ Zip Code _____</p>
<p><b>Mail completed form to: California Student Aid Commission, Cal Grant Operations, P.O. Box 419077, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9077</b></p>	

# GPA Verification Form

- School may submit GPA electronically or paper forms may be mailed.
- GPAs may be submitted by two methods:
  - GPA Submission with SSN
  - Non-SSN GPA Submission
- Electronic submission is preferred – faster, more efficient.



# CAL GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS



# **GRADE POINT AVERAGES (GPAS)**

- GPAs are submitted by high schools and colleges
- All GPAs are unweighted and based on a 4.00 scale
- SAT, ACT, GED, allowed if:
  - student does not have a GPA
  - coursework cannot be converted to a 4.00
  - attended a non-accredited high school

# COLLEGE STUDENTS

College GPAs are calculated based on 24 - 36 completed units using an un-weighted 4.00 scale



# RE-ESTABLISHED GPAS

- Student has at least 16 units but no more than 23 units at a California Community College
- Student will only qualify for Competitive Cal Grant B



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# CAL GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINES

## March 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Students attending any Cal Grant Eligible School can apply
- Cal Grant A, B, and C awards granted
- Entitlement and Competitive awards

## September 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Only for California Community Colleges (CCC)
- Students must be *enrolled* in the CCC by Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> to be considered
- Cal Grant A and B
- Competitive awards only

# KEY POINTS

- The Cal Grant Application Process is two parts:
  - FAFSA or Dream Application
  - GPA
- Student must list an Eligible Cal Grant school on their financial application
- March 2<sup>nd</sup> is the deadline most students must meet
- The September 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline for CCC students

# **STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**



# ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

## Federal Requirements and Additional Cal Grant Requirements

\*U.S. Citizen or Eligible non-citizen

Meet Selective Service  
Requirements

\*Have a Social Security Number

Maintain Satisfactory Academic  
Progress

Not owe a grant repayment or be in  
default on a student loan

Not be incarcerated

Not have earned a bachelors  
degree

\*California Resident

Attend an eligible California college  
or university

Be enrolled at least half-time

High School GPA (Entitlement)

**\* These requirements are  
supplanted by other eligibility  
criteria for AB 540 students**

# ADDITIONAL DREAM APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Attended California high school at least 3 years
- Graduated from a California high school, have a GED, or received passing marks on California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE)
- Meet AB 2000 requirements by attaining 3 years worth of HS credits AND has 3 or more years attendance at CA elementary or high school
- File affidavit with institution stating he or she has filed/will file application to legalize immigration status as soon as eligible

# FINANCIAL NEED REQUIREMENT

## Financial Need Calculation:

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Cost of Attendance (COA)} \\ - \text{Expected Family Contribution (EFC)} \\ \hline \text{Unmet Financial Need} \end{array}$$

### Cal Grant A

Must have a minimum financial need of at least the maximum Cal Grant A award amount  
+\$1,500

### Cal Grant B

Must have a minimum financial need of at least \$700

### Cal Grant C

Must have a minimum financial need of at least the maximum Cal Grant C award amount  
+\$1,500

# INCOME AND ASSET CEILINGS

## FOR RENEWING CAL GRANT RECIPIENTS

Initially Awarded a Cal Grant  
In the 2014-15 Academic Year

### 2015-16 CAL GRANT PROGRAM INCOME CEILINGS

	Cal Grant A and C	Cal Grant B
Dependent students and Independent students with dependents other than a spouse		
<u>Family size:</u>		
Six or more	\$101,000	\$55,500
Five	\$93,700	\$51,400
Four	\$87,400	\$45,900
Three	\$80,400	\$41,300
Two	\$78,500	\$36,700
Independent students		
Single, no dependents	\$32,000	\$32,000
Married, no other dependents	\$36,700	\$36,700

### 2015-16 CAL GRANT PROGRAM ASSET CEILINGS

Dependent students <sup>1</sup>	\$67,600
Independent students	\$32,200

## FOR NEW CAL GRANT APPLICANTS

### 2015-16 CAL GRANT PROGRAM INCOME CEILINGS

	Cal Grant A and C	Cal Grant B
Dependent students and Independent students with dependents other than a spouse		
<u>Family size:</u>		
Six or more	\$100,800	\$55,400
Five	\$93,400	\$51,300
Four	\$87,200	\$45,800
Three	\$80,200	\$41,200
Two	\$78,300	\$36,600
Independent students		
Single, no dependents	\$32,000	\$32,000
Married, no other dependents	\$36,600	\$36,600

### 2015-16 CAL GRANT PROGRAM ASSET CEILINGS

Dependent students <sup>1</sup>	\$67,500
Independent students	\$32,100

# **SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP)**

**Students must make satisfactory academic progress in order to receive Cal Grant funds:**

- Schools use their own SAP policy to make determination
- Schools must notify Commission of those students not making SAP by using the NP code in WebGrants
- Commission will send student a letter regarding their SAP
- After three consecutive terms of not maintaining SAP, the student's award will be withdrawn

# KEY POINTS

- Students must meet general eligibility requirements
- Dream Applicants are subject to same requirements as students completing a FAFSA application
- Students must have financial need and meet the income and asset ceilings
- SAP is defined by each school and must be met for a Cal Grant payment

# **CAL GRANT PROGRAMS**

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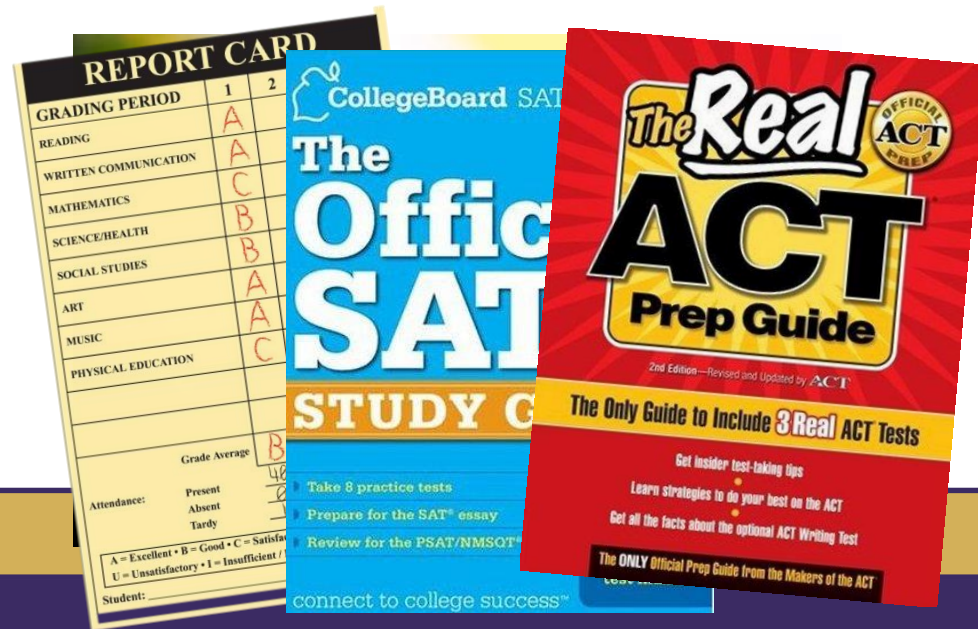
- Entitlement vs. Competitive cycles
  - High School Entitlement
  - Transfer Entitlement
- Types of Grants
  - Cal Grant A
  - Cal Grant B
  - Cal Grant C
- Renewing a Cal Grant Award





# HIGH SCHOOL ENTITLEMENT

- For current high school seniors or prior year high school graduates
  - For the 2015-16 AY, student must have graduated high school after July 1, 2013
- Awards Cal Grant A & B
- Must have verified high school GPA
  - or GED, SAT, ACT score
- Unlimited awards



# TRANSFER ENTITLEMENT

- For Community College transfers under the age of 28
- Awards Cal Grant A and B
- Graduated from a CA high school and be a resident
- Must have a verified Community College GPA of at least 2.40
- Unlimited awards
- Preliminarily awarded students need to complete a Transfer Entitlement Certification (G-6) Form



# 2014-15 Transfer Entitlement Cal Grant Certification Form

The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) requires the completion of this form to verify your eligibility to receive a Transfer Entitlement Cal Grant award. Read this form carefully, then complete ALL questions, sign, date and mail to the address listed on the back of this form within 30 days of receiving this letter. Failure to return this form within 30 days will adversely impact your ability to be considered for the Transfer Entitlement Cal Grant and the Competitive Cal Grant awards. Please see other side for instructions. Faxed copies of this form will not be accepted.

## Transfer Entitlement Program Requirements:

You received award consideration because we received a California Community College GPA of at least 2.40. In addition, every Transfer Entitlement Cal Grant recipient must also meet all of the following:

- graduate from a California high school (unless military orders required the student or the student's parent or guardian to be out of state at the time of graduation), or complete a high school graduation equivalency (including GED or the California High School Proficiency Exam) on or after July 1, 2000;
- be a California resident at the time of high school graduation or its equivalent,
- attended and completed at least 24 semester units at a California Community College and then transfer and attend at a qualifying California institution that offers a bachelor's degree for the 2014 - 15 year.

### FAILURE TO ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS WILL DELAY PROCESSING

1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
	First Name	MI	Last Name	SSN or CSAC ID or Dream Act ID
2.	Print month and year of your high school graduation or the equivalent; or if you <b>did not</b> graduate High School or obtain the equivalent (GED or CHSPE) please write 'Did Not Graduate' and proceed to question #6:			<div> <div>Month</div> <div>Year</div> </div>
3.	ONLY MARK THIS BOX IF you were a California resident at the time of high school graduation but graduated from a high school outside of California due to you or your parent or guardian's military orders from the United States Armed Forces. Otherwise, leave this box blank.			<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Print the name of the high school from which you graduated. If you completed high school by passing the GED or the California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE), please write 'GED' or 'CHSPE'.			<div>High School Name or GED/CHSPE</div>
5.	Please print the City and State of the High School or if you completed high school by passing the GED/CHSPE, please enter the city and state of graduation or completion.			<div> <div>City</div> <div>State</div> </div>
6.	Print the date you became a California resident, or if you applied through the Dream Act Application, print the date you started living in California: (if you were born in CA, enter your Date of Birth)			<div> <div>Day</div> <div>Month</div> <div>Year</div> </div>
7.	Print the name of the College you are attending in the 2013-14 academic year.			<div>2013-14 College of Attendance</div>
8.	Print the name of the College you plan to attend in the 2014-15 academic year.			<div>2014-15 College of Attendance</div>

Student certification: I have read the information printed above. I certify that the information I listed above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that it is illegal to report false or misleading information. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signature

Date

G-6 (2/14)

Daytime telephone number

# COMPETITIVE AWARDS

- Students who do not meet Entitlement criteria
- Cal Grant A, B, and C
- GPA must be submitted for Cal Grant A, B
- Dream Applicants not considered for Competitive Award
- Limited to 22,500 awards per year
  - 11,250 for March 2 Deadline
  - 11,250 for Sept 2 Deadline
    - Only for CCC students
- Scoring criteria used to rank and award students

# CAL GRANT A

- Low to middle income students
  - Have financial need
  - Meet the income and asset ceilings
  - GPA minimum (3.00 HS or 2.40 College)
  - Program of 2-4 years in length
- Annual Awards
  - Used for tuition and fees only
  - Community Colleges Reserve



# CAL GRANT B

- Low income students
  - Have financial need
  - Meet the income and asset ceilings
  - GPA minimum 2.00 (HS or College)
  - Program at least 1 year in length
- Annual Awards
  - \$1,648 access award first year
  - Tuition/Fees plus \$1,648 in 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> year



# CAL GRANT C

- Low and middle income students

- Have financial need
- Meet the income and asset ceilings
- Enroll in vocational courses of study
- Associates and Certificate programs only
- Must complete Cal Grant C Supplement Form



- Annual Awards

- Used for any school expenses including tuition and fees

# WHICH CAL GRANT IS THE BEST?

- Student can only receive 1 Cal Grant
- Considered for all awards applicable
- Awarded most beneficial award
- Can only change grant type with college authorization



# RENEWING A CAL GRANT AWARD

Automatic yearly renewal when qualifications are met:

- File a FAFSA or Dream Application
- Meet income/asset ceilings and financial need requirements
- A valid transaction must be posted in WebGrants
  - Payment
  - Leave of Absence or Less than Half-time status



# KEY POINTS

- Entitlement or Competitive Awards
- High School Entitlement or Transfer Entitlement
- Cal Grant A, B and C each have their own requirements for qualification
- Cal Grant automatically renewed when all terms are met

# **WEBGRANTS FOR STUDENTS (WGS)**

# WWW.WEBGRANTS4STUDENTS.ORG

Create  
account or  
sign in

The screenshot shows the homepage of the WebGrants 4 Students website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links to CSAC, Cal Grants, Cash for College, Cal Dream Act, and FAFSA. Below this is the California Student Aid Commission logo and the text 'WEBGRANTS 4 STUDENTS'. A banner image of graduates is followed by a 'view your AWARD STATUS' link. The main content area includes a 'Welcome!' message, a paragraph explaining the purpose of WebGrants 4 Students, and contact information for the California Student Aid Commission's Customer Relations Branch. On the right side, there is a list of helpful links, including 'Executive Director's News Releases', 'How to Apply for a Cal Grant Award', 'Important Facts About Your New Cal Grant Award', 'Important Facts About Your Renewal Cal Grant Award', 'Disqualification Fact Sheet', 'Important Cal Grant / Chafee Updates', 'Important Deadlines', 'Search for a Cal Grant Eligible School', 'Financial Aid Programs', 'Forms / Applications', 'Frequently Asked Questions', 'Foster Youth Resources', 'Other Financial Aid Resources and Important Links', 'Security Information', and 'Tools'. A 'WebGrants 4 Students Sign-In' form is located at the bottom left, with fields for User ID and Password, and a 'Sign-in' button. A yellow callout box next to the form says 'Enter your User ID and Password. Please note the User ID and Password fields are case sensitive. Authorized Use Only'. A red arrow points from the text 'Create account or sign in' to the sign-in form. Another red arrow points from the text 'Helpful links anyone can access' to the list of helpful links.

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WEBGRANTS 4 STUDENTS

view your AWARD STATUS

*Welcome!*

The California Student Aid Commission has created WebGrants 4 Students (WGS) just for you, the student. The goal is to provide you with the resources, information and tools needed to assist you with the college financial aid process. WGS will allow you to manage your Cal Grant and/or Chafee account(s) online by letting you view updates, make school changes, make address changes, make corrections, and post leave of absence requests. It is important for you to understand that your WGS account does not replace your School or FAFSA accounts. Each account must be monitored and managed independently.

THE CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSIONS CUSTOMER RELATIONS BRANCH FIELDS CALLS MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 10 A.M. TO 11:45 A.M. AND FROM 1 P.M. TO 4:45 P.M. WHILE AT OUR WEBSITE, PLEASE CLICK THE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS LINK ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THIS PAGE OR E-MAIL US BY CLICKING THE CONTACT US LINK AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE.

**WebGrants 4 Students Sign-In**

Enter your User ID and Password. Please note the User ID and Password fields are case sensitive.

Authorized Use Only

User ID

Password

Sign-in

[Create an Account](#)

[Forgot your User ID and/or password? Having problems logging in?](#)

- Executive Director's News Releases
- How to Apply for a Cal Grant Award
- Important Facts About Your New Cal Grant Award
- Important Facts About Your Renewal Cal Grant Award
- Disqualification Fact Sheet
- Important Cal Grant / Chafee Updates
- Important Deadlines
- Search for a Cal Grant Eligible School
- Financial Aid Programs
- Forms / Applications
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Foster Youth Resources
- Other Financial Aid Resources and Important Links
- Security Information
- Tools

Helpful  
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1. Your Social Security number or On-Campus Aid ID number:	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px;"></div>	2. Month/year of high school graduation	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px;"></div>
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4. Year of birth:	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px;"></div>
5. Telephone number:	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div>

6. Your permanent mailing address:	
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8. Fill in bubble if you are submitting a SAT, ACT or GRE test score instead of a GPA.	<input type="radio"/>
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Attach your applicable test score to this form; transcripts will not be accepted. You do not have to have your school check the FDR SCHOOL USE ONLY section.

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<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 40px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> Student Signature	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 40px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> Date
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**FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY (High schools MUST be fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) or an equivalent regional accreditation agency to certify a Cal Grant high school GPA):**

STUDENT STATEWIDE STUDENT ID (SSSID): <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div> GPA IS BASED ON HIGH SCHOOL COURSEWORK ONLY: <input type="radio"/>	GPA VERIFIER'S SCHOOL CODE: <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px;"></div> * GPA CANNOT BE ABOVE 4.00
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CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE REESTABLISHED GPA? ☐

The signature of the high school or college official certifies, under penalty of perjury, that the GPA is calculated as described on the attached GPA Calculation Instruction sheet. The signature of a high school official also certifies that his or her high school is fully accredited by the WASC, or other regional accrediting agency, or has a U.S.-approved course list as required by California regulations. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 40px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> Signature of School Official	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 40px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> Name of School
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Date	E-mail Address	City	State	Zip Code
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Mail completed form to: California Student Aid Commission, Cal Grant Operations, P.O. Box 419077, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9077

# CREATING AN ACCOUNT



WebGRANTS 4 STUDENTS

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Welcome to WebGrants 4 Students NAI SAETURN !

## Options

- ✦ [Cal Grant](#)
- ✦ [Chafee Grant](#) (Foster Youth Only)
- ✦ [Middle Class Scholarship](#) (CSU and UC Students Only)

## Account Information

- ✦ [Change Your Password](#)
- ✦ [Help With Your Account](#)

## Important Cal Grant / Chafee Updates

This screen contains important updates about the Cal Grant and Chafee programs. CSAC makes every effort to keep you updated.

### Cal Grant Updates

#### ✦ Need Help with the Application Process?

Every January and February students and families attend FREE Cash for College workshops across California for help completing the FAFSA or Dream Act Application and GPA Verification form, which are required for a student to be considered for a Cal Grant award. To find a workshop near you go to [www.calgrants.org](http://www.calgrants.org) and click on the Cash For College link at the top of the page.

#### ✦ Important Update

CSAC communicates with students using the email address we have on file. It is critical that you keep your contact information updated on your WGS account.

#### ✦ Transfer Entitlement Award

If you do not have a Cal Grant award and plan on transferring from a CCC to a 4 year college, you should apply for a Cal Grant the January prior to the academic year you plan on transferring. To apply for Cal Grant, you must completed a FAFSA or Dream Application and submit a certified GPA on or before the March 2nd deadline. If awarded and Cal Grant Transfer Entitlement award, you must transfer to the 4 year college and receive payment or you will be withdrawn from the program.

# COMMON ERRORS IN CREATING AN ACCOUNT

- Name mismatch
- Application has not been submitted
- Compatibility issues
- Mobile devices



# ENCOURAGE STUDENTS



The screenshot shows a web interface with four tabs: 'Instructions', 'Student', 'Dependency', and 'Parent'. Below the tabs is the title '2015 - 2016 Dream Application Confirmation P'. A green button labeled 'Parent Signatur' is visible. A red circle highlights the text 'Finest R. Student' and 'Dream ID # 000012154'. A red arrow points from the right towards the Dream ID number.

Instructions Student Dependency Parent

2015 - 2016 Dream Application Confirmation P

Parent Signatur

Finest R. Student  
Dream ID # 000012154



- Use Dream ID (not DACA SSN)
- Call Technical Help Desk for technical support @ (888) 294-0148



# WGS – CAL GRANT MAIN MENU

## Cal Grant Main

What is the purpose of your visit today?

- ◆ [Understanding My Cal Grant](#)
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# HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CONFIRMATION

## Requirements Section - High School Graduation Confirmation (G8)



Your Cal Grant award has requirements that must be satisfied before final award eligibility can be determined and the awarding process completed. **You may not be able to select any options on the Cal Grant Main Menu below until this requirement is satisfied.**

You are not eligible to receive Entitlement Cal Grant benefits if you have not graduated from high school or achieved the equivalent. However, state law gives Entitlement Cal Grant applicants until December 31 of the award year to complete their high school graduation requirements.

- If you have not yet graduated, but expect to graduate prior to December 31 of the award year, please complete the confirmation at that time. Confirmation of your high school graduation is required.
- If you have not graduated, or achieved the equivalent, by December 31 of the award year, your Cal Grant offer is void. To be considered for a Cal Grant award you will have to reapply next year by the March 2nd application deadline.

 [Submit High School Graduation Confirmation](#) Please note that you will not be paid unless you are confirmed.

# CALIFORNIA AID REPORT (CAR)

- Proof of Award
- Check correct school is on file
- Award amount listed

California Aid Report (CAR)		
Congratulations on meeting the preliminary requirements for the 2014-2015 Cal Grant Program! Based on the information you reported on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or CA Dream Act Application (CADAA) and Grade Point Average (GPA), the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) is offering you a Cal Grant. To receive your Cal Grant award offer beginning in the fall 2014, you will need to take some of the steps identified below. <b>This Cal Grant award offer may be reduced or withdrawn based on the final State Budget or final eligibility determined by your campus.</b>		
Date Issued: 07/03/14		CSAC ID:
School Choice	Cal Grant A	Cal Grant B
LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY	SEE CODE #99	\$1,648
UNIV OF CA - IRVINE	SEE CODE #99	\$1,648
CSU POMONA-POLYTECHNIC	SEE CODE #99	\$1,648

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[New Recipient Change Form](#)

Some schools you listed on your FAFSA/CADAA may not participate in the Cal Grant Program. To view the list of eligible schools, please visit the CSAC homepage at: [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov), click Colleges, and then "Cal Grant Eligible Schools" located at the bottom of the page.

To Receive the Cal Grant award you must:

- Confirm that the first school listed above is the one you plan on attending. If it is not, you must submit a school change in your WGS account so that we can get the award to the campus you will attend beginning in the fall 2014.
- Understand your financial aid disbursement options. These may include a paper check, debit card or direct deposit to your bank account. You have a choice as to how you want your Cal Grant funds paid to you so make sure you make a wise decision to get the most out of your Cal Grant award offer and other financial aid. Check your campus student account or contact your financial aid office for Cal Grant disbursement dates.
- Register with the Selective Service if you are a male living in the U.S. and are between the ages of 18 through 25. For more information about Selective Service requirements go to [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov)
- Use this award offer during this academic year or your award offer may be withdrawn. Let us know if you do not plan to use the award for the 2014-2015 academic year.

**PRIVACY STATEMENT:** Please be aware, Cal Grant information for students who are 18 years of age or older or students who have attended a postsecondary institution will only be released to parents or guardians with written authorization from the student.

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Diana Fuentes-Michel, Executive Director  
California Student Aid Commission

If you have any questions, please contact us at (888) 224-7268 or e-mail us at [studentsupport@csac.ca.gov](mailto:studentsupport@csac.ca.gov).

# MCS AWARD DETAILS

## Middle Class Scholarship Award Detail

- Click on Withdrawn Reason title to display descriptions.
- Click on Award Status title to display description.
- Click on the School of Attendance on File to display description.

Search By Academic Year = 2014-2015 

**SARAH J PIE**  
17 RON DRIVE  
CONCORD, CA 94519  
E-Mail:  
School E-Mail:

**SSN/DREAM ID:**

**CSAC ID:**

Date of Birth:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Annual Award Amount	Fall	Winter	Spring	Award Date	Award Status	Withdrawn Reason
\$666	\$333	\$0	\$333	09/11/2014	AWARDED	

Other Financial Aid Reported by Your School of Attendance.

Federal Aid: \$0

State Aid: \$0

Institutional Aid: \$0



School of Attendance on File

Name: CSU-SONOMA


School Code: 00115600

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Jan 27, 2015 2:00 pm	<a href="#">CA Dream Act Overview for High School Counselors</a>	 <a href="#">Register</a>
Jan 28, 2015 10:00 am	<a href="#">Using the WebGrants System</a>	 <a href="#">Register</a>
Jan 28, 2015 3:00 pm	<a href="#">Cash for College Online Exit Suvey Tool Training</a>	 <a href="#">Register</a>
Jan 29, 2015 2:00 pm	<a href="#">CA Dream Act Overview for Financial Aid Administrators</a>	 <a href="#">Register</a>
Feb 3, 2015 10:00 am	<a href="#">GPA Submission: SSN</a>	 <a href="#">Register</a>
Feb 4, 2015 2:00 pm	<a href="#">GPA Submission: Non SSN</a>	 <a href="#">Register</a>
Feb 5, 2015 10:00 am	<a href="#">CA Dream Act Overview for Financial Aid Administrators</a>	 <a href="#">Register</a>
Feb 10, 2015 2:00 pm	<a href="#">Cal Grant 101</a>	 <a href="#">Register</a>
Feb 11, 2015 10:00 am	<a href="#">Cal Grant Payment Process</a>	 <a href="#">Register</a>
Feb 11, 2015 2:00 pm	<a href="#">GPA Submission: Non SSN</a>	 <a href="#">Register</a>
Feb 12, 2015 10:00 am	<a href="#">SB 70 Reporting</a>	 <a href="#">Register</a>





# OPERATIONS MEMO

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

STATE OF  
CALIFORNIA



GOM 2014-22

July 11, 2014

TO: Financial Aid Administrators  
High School Counselors

FROM: Catalina G. Mistler  
Chief, Program Administration & S

SUBJECT: 2014-15 Cal Grant Award Am  
Dream Act Renewals Eligible

This Operations Memo from the Cal  
provides an update on the award am  
Act and provides guidance regardi  
eligible to complete a Free Applicat

2014-15 Cal Grant Award Am



# SPECIAL ALERT

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

STATE OF  
CALIFORNIA



GSA 2014-19

June 30, 2014

TO: Financial Aid Administrators

FROM: Catalina G. Mistler  
Chief, Program Administration & Services Division

SUBJECT: Annual Renewal of WebGrants Access Forms

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) reminds  
institutions of the annual requirement to submit:

- WebGrants Information Security and Confidentiality Agreement (Confidentiality Agreement) and
- WebGrants System Administrator's Access Request Form (Access Request Form) to continue access to WebGrants.

The deadline to submit WebGrants access forms is July 31, 2014.



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